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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the year ended 31st.December, 1969.

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Baron's Close,
Fakenham,
Norfolk.

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DOCKING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1969

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for 1969. The report includes the report of the senior Public Health Inspector.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 18,200, an increase of 650 compared with the estimate for 1968. There was a natural decrease of 36 when births and deaths were compared.

The deaths of 235 residents were registered during the year. Two hundred and sixteen of this total occurred in people over 55 years of age. Three deaths were due to accidents.

Mains water supply is available to all Parishes in the Rural District.

Progress continued on the sewerage scheme for Dersingham, Snettisham and Ingoldisthorpe. Some slight delays were caused by the high ground water levels. Sewerage schemes for the central and North Eastern Parishes were in the planning stages at the end of the year. Improvements were also under consideration for the Heacham area.

The rural district continues to gain in popularity as a holiday area. The annual survey undertaken in the district during the first week in August recorded the presence of 2,739 static holiday caravans, 54 touring caravans, 114 permanent residential caravans, and 138 tents.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and the Staffs of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their continuous interest, support and help throughout the year.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L.G.POOLE, M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.,D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

(a) Area :- 87,386 acres. No.of parishes: 30.

(b) Population :- the estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1969 was 18,200, (an increase of 650 compared with 1968).

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Estimated Mid-Year Population	18790	18500	18500	18080	18110	18160	18160	18180	17550	18200

Births :- The number of live births during the year was 199.
Deaths :- The number of deaths during the year was 235.

(c) The Rateable Value of the District was £ 462,900.

(d) The Product of Penny Rate was £ 1,838.

(e) Meteorological Factors : the information shown in the following table has been acquired by the courtesy of Mr. Mele of Docking, from recordings made at Docking.

Month	Mean daily maximum Temp. °F	Mean daily minimum Temp. °F	Mean daily Temp. °F	Highest Maximum Temp.		Lowest Minimum Temp.		Total rain-fall in inches	Maximum Rainfall	
				°F	Date	°F	Date		ins.	Date
Jan.	44.2	35.1	39.7	54	22nd	27	1st	1.87	0.34	20th
Feb.	36.6	27.5	32.0	46	23rd	17	15th	1.28	0.26	11th
Mar.	41.4	31.2	36.2	51	30th) 31st)	25	6th, 8th.	1.95	0.38	12th
Apr.	53.0	36.1	44.6	70	9th	29	3rd	1.78	0.33	15th
May	60.3	45.2	52.7	72	4th) 13th)	36	1st	2.87	0.75	16th
June	64.2	48.5	56.4	73	29th) 30th)	41	4th,7th.	2.13	0.87	2nd
July	71.0	55.5	63.3	85	16th	47	10th	2.80	0.80	29th
Aug.	67.0	54.7	60.7	81	9th) 10th)	46	27th	1.97	0.34	12th
Sept.	63.1	50.7	57.0	73	11th	37	30th	0.20	0.08	17th
Oct.	60.8	48.8	54.8	69	9th	41	1st,2nd,) 31st)	0.49	0.18	21st
Nov.	44.1	34.5	39.2	61	2nd	25	18th,29th.	3.82	0.78	16th
Dec.	39.5	31.6	35.5	48	21st	22	6th	3.03	0.49	15th

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District for 1969 were 199 and 3 respectively.

A table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births
(the figures in brackets are the corresponding numbers for 1968)

Live Births	Males		Females		Totals	
Legitimate	94	(104)	85	(88)	179	(192)
Illegitimate	10	(10)	10	(10)	20	(20)
Totals	104	(114)	95	(98)	199	(212)

A table showing stillbirths for 1969

Stillbirths	Males		Females		Totals	
Legitimate	2	(1)	1	(2)	3	(3)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Totals	2	(1)	1	(2)	3	(3)

Live Birth Rate

The crude rate was 10.9 per 1,000 population, compared with 12.1 in 1968. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.06) was 11.6 per 1,000 of the population, compared with a rate of 16.3 for England and Wales, and 16.3 for the Administrative County of Norfolk.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate live births was 20, compared with 20 in 1968. The percentage of illegitimate births to the total live births was 10% in 1969. The rates for previous years were, 9.4% in 1968: 7.5% in 1967 and 7.9% in 1966.

Stillbirths

There were 3 stillbirths in 1969, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 15.0, compared with 14.0 in 1968. The rate for England and Wales was 13.0 for 1969, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk was 13.

Infant Deaths

Four infants under one year of age died in 1969, compared with one in 1968.

A table showing infant deaths in 1969

	Under One Year		Under Four Weeks		Under One Week	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Legitimate	3	1	2	1	2	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	1	2	1	2	-

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths per 1,000 live births, and for 1969 was 20. A comparison of rates for the past ten years shows the following:-

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
33.8	27.9	17.2	18.9	15.0	19.8	16.7	9.95	5.	20.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales in 1969 was 18.0, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 16.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1969 was 22., which compares with 5.2 for 1968, and 5.4 for 1967.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births and for 1969 was zero, as in 1968.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

Neonatal Mortality Rate is deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. The rate for 1969 was 15, which compares with zero in 1968, 4.98 in 1967 and 12.6 in 1966.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

This rate is deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births. The rate for 1969 was 10, compared with zero in 1968 and 4.98 in 1967.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This rate is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1969 was 25., compared with 13.9 in 1968 and 19.6 in 1967.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1969, therefore maternal mortality rate was zero.

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Live Births	255	239	201	212	199
Live Birth Rate - Crude	14.0	13.2	11.1	12.1	10.9
Live Birth Rate - Corrected	14.8	13.9	11.8	12.8	11.6
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate	6.7	7.9	7.5	9.4	10.
Still Births	5	4	3	3	3
Still Birth Rate	19.2	16.5	14.7	14.0	15.
Total Live & Still Births	260	243	204	215	202
Infant Deaths	5	4	2	1	4
Infant Mortality Rate	19.8	16.7	9.95	5.	20.
" " " - Legitimate	16.8	16.7	5.4	5.2	22.
" " " - Illegitimate	58.8	0	66.7	0	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	15.7	12.6	4.98	0	15.
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	11.8	12.6	4.98	0	10.
Perinatal Mortality Rate	30.8	32.9	19.6	13.9	25.
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0	0	0

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths tabled under the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1966. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 year	Age in Years 15-24	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
B5. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(5) Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	9	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
B19(10) Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3
B23 Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B27 Hypertensive Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	37	-	-	-	-	2	9	12	14
	F	26	-	-	-	-	1	2	7	16
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
	F	23	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	13
Carried forward	M	83	-	-	-	1	4	22	23	33
	F	87	-	-	1	2	4	7	24	49

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Deaths from all causes - cont'd.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 year	Age in Years 15-24	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Brought forward	M	83	-	-	-	1	4	22	23	33
	F	87	-	-	1	2	4	7	24	49
B46(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	6
B31 Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B32 Pneumonia	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(9) Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B42 Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE48 All Other Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
BE50 All Other External Causes	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Causes	M	116	2	1	1	1	6	25	36	44
	F	119	1	-	1	2	4	11	31	69

The total number of deaths in the District in 1969 was 235.

Heart disease accounted for 84 deaths, and caused 35.7% of all deaths, compared with 35.7% in 1968, and 33.0% in 1967.

Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 29 deaths, gave a figure of 12.8% of deaths, compared with 18.2% in 1968, and 14.7% in 1967.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are combined, a figure of 126 deaths is obtained. This is 53.2% of all deaths, compared with 57.8% in 1968 and 58.7% in 1967.

Cancer caused 52 deaths or 22.1% of deaths, compared with 17.8% in 1968 and 20.9% in 1967. Ten were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus, i.e. 19.2% of cancer deaths were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus, compared with 17.8% in 1968 and 20.8% in 1967.

Accidents caused 3 deaths.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	-	12.9
Corrected Death Rate (using comparability factor of 0.83) per 1,000 estimated population	-	10.7
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population in the Administrative County of Norfolk	-	10.1
Death Rate in England and Wales per 1,000 estimated population	-	11.9

The comparability factors enable comparisons to be made between the rate for the District and those of other Districts and the country as a whole.

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Deaths	214	207	230	263	235
Death Rate - Crude	11.8	11.4	12.6	15.0	12.9
Death Rate - Corrected	10.5	10.02	10.8	12.5	10.7

SECTION II

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of communicable diseases notified in 1969 was 41, compared with 50 in 1968.

The various types of communicable diseases notified are shown below:-

Measles	29
Pulmonary T.B.	2
Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1
Scarlet Fever	5
Infective Jaundice	4
	41

Measles

The following table shows the distribution of measles by age groups:-

	Under 1 Yr.	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-24	Total
Males	-	1	1	1	-	6	1	-	10
Females	-	1	-	2	3	8	4	1	19
Total	-	2	1	3	3	14	5	1	29

Measles Vaccination

	Area 3	Docking R.D.
Born 1969	2	-
" 1968	52	17
" 1967	120	44
" 1966	75	25
" 1962 - 1965	224	75
Others under 16 years	265	27
Total	738	188

Tuberculosis

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and one non-pulmonary were notified. One death was due to tuberculosis in 1969.

Tuberculosis in the Docking Rural District in 1969
(The figures in brackets show the corresponding numbers for 1968)

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New cases	2 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	3 (1)
Inward transfers	1 (2)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (3)
No. on Register at 31/12/69	10 (16)	13 (18)	- (2)	4 (5)	10(18) 17(23)
	23 (34)		4 (7)		27 (41)

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1969, nor were there any in the Administrative County of Norfolk. Immunisation is offered by the County Council.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1969 in Area 3 (which comprises Docking, Mitford & Launditch, and Walsingham Rural Districts, and Dereham, Hunstanton, and Wells Urban Districts), and in Docking R.D.

Age Groups	Area 3	Docking R.D.
Children born in 1969	40	10
Children born in 1968	323	84
Children born in 1967	18	1
Children born in 1966	7	1
Children born 1962 - 65.	50	4
Others under age 16.	10	2
Re-inforcing doses (children under 16)	2106	367
Total	2554	469

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox in the District in 1969.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations against smallpox, by age groups, carried out in Area 3 and Docking Rural District in 1969.

Age at date of Vaccination	Area 3		Docking R.D.	
	Primary	Re-Vacc.	Primary	Re-Vacc.
0 - 3 months	17	-	-	-
3 - 6 "	3	-	1	-
6 - 9 "	-	-	-	-
9 - 12 "	4	-	1	-
1 year	298	-	94	-
2 - 4 years	105	15	25	2
5 - 14 "	44	80	16	23
Total	471	95	137	25

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

Immunisation against these three diseases is given by the County Council and is usually commenced in infancy when the child is about three months old. It is mainly given as 'Triple Antigen', thus reducing the number of injections a child needs. The antigens given, combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus in Area 3, (Area 3 comprises Docking, Mitford & Launditch, and Walsingham Rural Districts, and Dereham, Hunstanton, and Wells Urban Districts), and in Docking R.D. in 1969.

		Area 3	Docking R.D.
Triple	Initial	390	89
	Booster	502	115
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial	35	1
	Booster	1236	318
Diphtheria	Initial	-	-
	Booster	31	3
Tetanus	Initial	55	5
	Booster	793	129

SECTION III

Contributed by the Public Health Inspector.

INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

The number of inspections and visits made in connection with the various branches of Public Health during the year, are as follows:-

Inspections coming within the purview of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the abatement of nuisance, in connection with drainage work, building regulations, and miscellaneous complaints, etc.	...	390
Improvement Grants, Discretionary and Standard.	...	397
Housing, for repairs, slum clearance, interviewing applicants for Council houses, etc.	...	267
Administration of Public Cleansing Services.	...	1546
Factories Act Inspections.	...	44
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	...	60
Inspection of Slaughterhouses under Slaughterhouses Regulations.	...	38
Visits to Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection.	...	1257
Food Hygiene Regulations		
(a) Inspections of Premises.	...	168
(b) Visits to deal with unsound food.	...	15
(c) Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles Regulations.	...	6
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.	...	9
Noise Abatement Act.	...	11
Control of Communicable Diseases.	...	17
Supervision of Public Conveniences.	...	152
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.	...	60
Dirty and Verminous Premises.	...	1
Registration of Animal Boarding Establishments.	...	4
Pleasure Boat Licences.	...	27
Civic Amenities Act.	...	1
Milk and Dairies Acts.	...	1
Miscellaneous.	...	22
	Total	4493

NOTICES

(a) Preliminary. The following preliminary notices were served, requiring compliance with the provisions of the various Acts and Regulations, and with the conditions attached to licences, etc.:-

Housing Act, 1957.	...	26
Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961.	...	15
Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.	...	8
Food Hygiene Regulations.	...	23
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	...	10
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.	...	8
Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.	...	1
Civic Amenities Act, 1967.	...	1
Factories Act.	...	3
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.	...	1
Noise Abatement Act.	...	1

(b) Statutory Notices. There were no occasions in which it was necessary to serve Statutory Notices.

HOUSING

Improvement Grants. A summary of the work carried out in connection with Improvement Grants is shown below:-

Discretionary Grants

Number of applications received.	...	27
Number of applications approved.	...	24
Number of applications refused.	...	3
Number of applications withdrawn.	...	-
Owner/occupied houses for which grants were approved..		10
Tenanted houses for which grants were approved.	...	27

Standard Grants

Number of applications received.	...	53
Number of applications approved.	...	52
Number of applications refused.	...	1
Number of applications withdrawn.	...	-
Owner/occupied houses for which grants were approved..		44
Tenanted houses for which grants were approved.	...	8
Total number of houses for which both types of grants were approved.	...	89

Since the inception of the Discretionary Grant Scheme in 1949, and the Standard Grants in 1959, the total numbers of houses approved for grants, to the end of the year were:-

Discretionary Grants	...	445
Standard Grants	...	720
		1165

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

The numbers of various kinds of food premises in the district which come within the purview of the Food Hygiene Regulations, are as follows:-

Premises Category	Number of Premises (i)	Number of Premises complying with Regulation 16 (ii)	Number of Premises to which Regulation 19 applies (iii)	Number of Premises complying with Regulation 19 (iv)
Grocers & General Store	107	107	96	95
Butchers	16	16	16	16
Fish Friers	7	7	7	7
Licensed Premises	40	40	40	40
Milk Stores	9	9	9	9
Slaughterhouses	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	12	12	12	12
Poultry Pluckers	1	1	1	1
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Whelk Boilers	4	-	-	-
Restaurants & Cafes	14	14	14	14
General Stores with Cafes	8	8	8	8
Licensed Premises with Restaurants	15	15	15	15

These Regulations impose upon occupiers of premises where food is sold or prepared, obligations in respect of the handling of food, the cleanliness of equipment and premises, personal cleanliness, facilities for washing food and equipment, and the proper maintenance of the structural condition of the premises themselves, and other matters connected with the prevention of contamination of food, etc.

Routine inspections are carried out for the enforcement of these requirements, and 174 visits were made during the year. During the visits some contraventions of the Regulations were found, and these were dealt with by taking informal action with the persons concerned, and in no instance was it necessary to make any reports to the Council.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The number of premises requiring registration under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, are:-

Ice-cream Premises	119
Meat Preserving Premises	15

UNSOUND FOOD

From time to time, notification is received from tradespeople that they have quantities of food which should be inspected before it is offered for sale to the public. As a result of these notifications, the following quantities of food were found to be unfit for consumption:-

123 lb Beef Sausages
60 lb Imported Boneless Shin Beef
24 lb Imported Beef
5 lb Imported Pig Livers
10 lb Imported Lamb Livers
2 lb Tinned Yugoslav Pork Shoulder
3 lb Tinned Chopped Pork
5 lb Tinned Ham
1 pt Pasteurised Milk

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are 6 licensed slaughterhouses in the district, distributed throughout the area thus:-

Heacham	...	2
Snettisham	...	1
South Creake	...	1
East Rudham	...	1
Dersingham	...	1

There are 16 slaughtermen operating in the District who hold licences issued by the Council.

MEAT INSPECTION

The inspection of animals slaughtered in the slaughterhouses in the district was carried out regularly, and a one-hundred per cent inspection was achieved. This work entailed 1257 visits to slaughterhouses.

Meat inspection was taking up such a considerable amount of the time of the Public Health Inspectors, that the Council decided to appoint a full time Meat Inspector and General Assistant to the Health Department, and Mr. Waters took up these duties in August.

Charges are made by the Council for meat inspection, and the income for this service for 1969 was £748.

MEAT INSPECTION (Continued)

Details of meat inspected and the proportion of animals affected with disease are shown in the following table:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	2881	46	3049	9374
Number inspected	2881	46	3049	9374
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis				
Whole carcases condemned	5	2	3	35
Carcases of which some part was condemned	718	13	287	1847
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	25	33	9.5	20
Tuberculosis Only				
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1
Part carcases condemned	-	-	-	191
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	2.04
Cysticercus Bovis				
Carcases affected	4	-	-	-
Percentage of animals killed which were inspected	100	100	100	100

PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) Refuse Collection The "back door" collection of refuse from private houses and business premises was continued throughout the year without any serious disruption of the service.

During the summer months, a weekly collection was also given to caravan sites, chalet sites, beach bungalows and business premises operating on, or near, the beaches.

As in the past, the seasonal work on the beach and caravan sites necessitated a certain amount of overtime being worked. Temporary labour was employed to allow for the time taken off for their annual holidays by the permanent employees.

Disposal of refuse was carried out by tipping at the 13 tips in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING (Continued)

(b) Cesspool Emptying. The work of cesspool emptying was continued, four free emptyings a year being given, with any additional emptyings being charged for at the rate of 15/- per load.

The service provides for the emptyings of cesspools at private houses, Council houses, business premises, caravan sites, and the de-sludging of sewage disposal works serving Council housing estates and the sewage works at Heacham and Burnham Market.

The table below shows the number of cesspool emptyings given over the past 6 years, from which it will be seen that there was a reduction of 250 emptyings compared with the previous year. This decrease was due to the connection of houses to the new sewerage system in Dersingham, Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham, and the filling in of the cesspools.

1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
4914	5164	4503	4118	3875	3396

The 4,914 emptyings given during the year, includes the following:-

Council House cesspools	...	560
Private cesspools	...	4171
Public toilets cesspools	...	86
De-sludging of sewage works	...	97

(c) Lavatory Pail Emptying. This service is carried out in all parishes in the district, with the exception of Heacham and Burnham Market, where public sewers exist. However, some pails at properties in these parishes, which are not on the line of sewers, still have to be serviced weekly.

Pails are emptied in the early hours of the morning, after which the men and machine start on cesspool emptying.

The only available means for the disposal of pail and cesspool contents is by discharge on to the refuse at the various tips in the district,

PUBLIC TOILETS

The Council has provided five public toilets, located as follows:-

South Beach, Heacham; Heacham Village; Snettisham Beach; Holme Beach. and Brancaster Beach.

In addition, arrangements have been made with the owner of the toilets at North Beach, Heacham, whereby the Council administer and maintain these toilets.

The cleaning of the toilets is carried out by men employed in the Council's public cleansing service and in general, a reasonably good standard of cleanliness was maintained. However, a certain amount of abuse of the toilets was again experienced, but this was no worse than usual.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

The inspection and licensing of caravan sites was continued, and at the end of the year, the position regarding the number of licensed sites in the district, which includes individual caravans, was as follows:-

Holiday Caravan Sites

Number of sites licensed for 2 or more caravans	... 59
Number of sites licensed for 1 caravan	... 49

Permanent Residential Sites

Number of sites licensed for 2 or more caravans	... 4
Number of sites licensed for 1 caravan	... 21

The annual survey of caravans and tents, carried out during the first week in August, showed that there were in the district:-

Static Holiday Caravans	.. 2739	an increase	of	159	over	last	years	figure
Touring Caravans	.. 54	"	"	"	32	"	"	"	"
Permanent Residential Caravans	114	"	"	"	16	"	"	"	"
Total Caravans	.. 2907	"	"	"	207	"	"	"	"
Tents	.. 138	"	"	"	88	"	"	"	"

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

As a result of flooding of land, highways and premises in the village of Dersingham, caused by unusually heavy and prolonged rainfall, the Public Health Department was asked to prepare a report on the surface water drainage in the village.

A comprehensive report was prepared, and submitted to the Council, which resulted in agreement being reached by the District Council and the County Council, on schemes to improve the surface water drainage system.

WATER SUPPLIES

In collaboration with the Water Department, samples from the public supply are periodically taken for examination.

During the year, 12 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, 11 of these being satisfactory, and 1 showing very minor contamination.

1 sample was taken from a private well, which was satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year, 383 notifications were received of premises requiring treatment for rats or mice infestation.

The work of disinfestation is carried out for the Council, on a contract basis, by Rentokil Ltd. The treatment includes a free service to private houses and business premises. Refuse tips and sewage treatment plants are also included in the contract.

DIRTY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

One case of dirty premises was encountered during the year. This was where an elderly lady, living alone, had accumulated a considerable quantity of unwanted articles in and around her dwelling, causing the premises to become dirty and verminous.

Council employees, with the consent of the occupier, removed all extraneous articles and material from the premises.

PLEASURE BOAT LICENSING

The Order, which the Council made in 1968, under Section 94 of the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907, required the licensing of pleasure boats, and of boatmen, operating from Brancaster Staithe and Burnham Overy Staithe.

Licences were issued in respect of 5 boats and 7 boatmen during the year.

CIVIC AMENITIES

Under this Act, one of the responsibilities placed on Local Authorities is the removal of abandoned vehicles. During the year, one abandoned car was removed from a roadside verge.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The provisions of this Act relate to cleanliness, washing facilities, overcrowding, temperatures, ventilation, lighting, sanitary accommodation, guarding of exposed parts of machines, sitting facilities for assistants, etc.

The Act is intended as a measure for the promotion of health welfare and safety of persons employed in offices, shops and railway premises.

During the year 60 inspections were made of offices and shops.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

There are two establishments in the district, which are used for the boarding of animals, and which are licensed under the Act.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

There are 66 factories and workshops in the district, and 44 inspections were made during the year.

Annual Report for 1969 under the Factories Act

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	64	43	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	66	44	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred: To H.M. Inspector. (4)	Referred: By H.M. Inspector (5)	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	1	1	-	-	-
Total	3	3	1	-	-

3. Part VIII of the Act - Outworkers.

Nature of Work (1)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel-making etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-